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OPTICAL FIBER IN OPTICAL DEVICE
MODULE, AND FIXATION PIPE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is filed in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 9, 2005,
wherein the examiner:

1. Objected to the drawings.
2. Objected to informalities in the abstract.
3. Objected to claim 7 under 37 CFR §1.75(c).
4. Rejected Claims 1-9 under Section 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

One Replacement Drawing Sheet (Sheet No. 1 containing Figs. 1-2) is enclosed after the end of this paper.